

UK/foreign belief and attitude about accents

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Introduction

Communication is the purpose of speaking.
Currently, many people have accents even though they are native English speakers.

Do accents affect daily lives when people have strong accents?
Or they quite believe in their own accents or even feel proud of using an accent.

At least, they are unwilling to change it. It would be challenging for educators to emphasize the standardization of the English accent.

Methods

We did the survey for 5 women and 5 men for impartiality.

We tried to explain our situations so the interviewees could understand and agree to participate in our survey.

We tried to do the survey on a neutral substance.

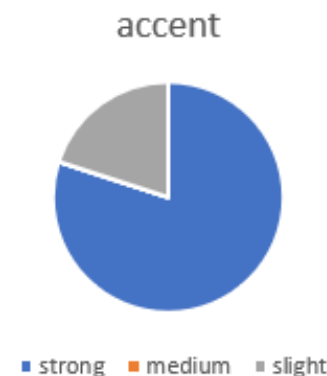
We used our survey paper and wrote it down instantly.

Survey Results

1. UK people in Liverpool

During our research, we considered gender ratios to get exact results. We surveyed 5 women and 5 men for our research.

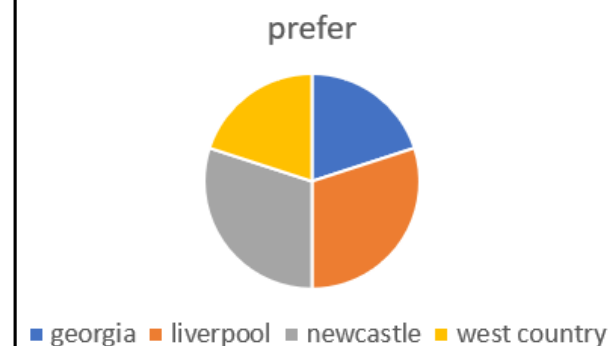
1) How strong is your accent in English?



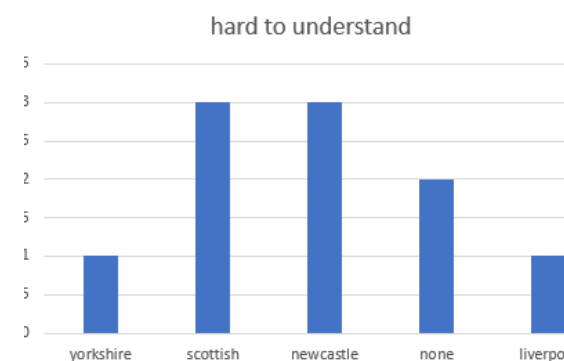
2) When you speak English, which sounds are unique in your accent?

- ① make words long than other people
- ② soft 'R' sound
- ③ Gruffness of the accent

3) Which English speaking accents do you prefer, why?

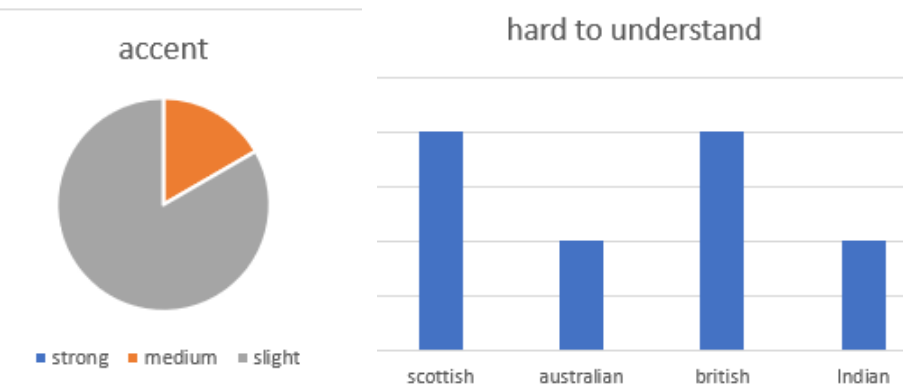


4) Is there any English speaking accents for you to hard to understand?



2. Foreign people in Liverpool

We interviewed 6 people from ISS program.
And they all had English as their second language.



Conclusions

From this research, we found out that the British people usually thought their accent is strong, but the foreign people usually thought their accent is slight.

Also, the preference of accents was very diverse when we interviewed UK people. However, when we interviewed foreign people, the classification was much simple than the British people.